

Advance Letter

December 28, 1999

[name]
[address]
[city, state zip]

**Your Internet Survey
ID Number: [XNNNNNNNN]**

Dear [name]:

As part of its ongoing commitment to improving service, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), is conducting a customer satisfaction survey of persons, like yourself, who have recently applied for or received VA education benefits.

This letter is simply to let you know you have been selected to participate in this survey. In about a week, you will be receiving a questionnaire in the mail.

The survey is completely confidential and will not affect your benefits in any way. The national research organization of Schulman, Ronca, & Bucuvalas, Inc. (SRBI), is conducting this survey for VA.

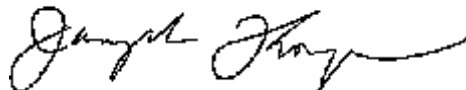
Your help with the survey is very important -- VA needs to know about your experience so that we can improve our education claims process. Please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire when it arrives.

You may choose to respond electronically on a special SRBI web site on the Internet at **<http://www.on-linesurvey.com/99vaedsurvey>**. When responding electronically, you will be asked for an identification number. Your personal Internet Survey ID Number appears at the top of this page.

If you have any questions about this survey or the questionnaire itself, please call the SRBI project office at 1-800-659-5432 or VA at 1-800-827-1000.

I would like to add how much we appreciate your assistance with this important project. Your participation will help us to continue to improve service to veterans, servicemembers, and their families.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Thompson
Under Secretary for Benefits

First Mailing Cover Letter

January 4, 2000

[name]
[address]
[city, state zip]

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Dear [name]:

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Your answers are very important because you have personal experience with VA and its claims process for education benefits. You were selected for the survey because you recently applied for education benefits or have recently received these benefits. Survey findings will be reported to VA Regional Processing Offices and to VBA. Your experience and opinions can help to improve the process for you and other recipients of education benefits.

Your answers will not affect your current or future benefits. While I sincerely urge you to complete the survey, should you decide not to participate, your eligibility for any future veterans benefits will not be affected in any way.

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By helping us, we can improve our service to you and the many others who have served our country so well. Thank you in advance for helping us in this important work.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph Thompson
Under Secretary for Benefits

Enclosure

P.S. For information regarding VA benefits, I invite you to visit our VA Home Page on the World Wide Web at **<http://www.va.gov>**. For information about customer satisfaction surveys, go to **<http://www.vba.va.gov/surveys/>**.

Reminder Card



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Recently, we mailed a survey to you as part of a study of customer satisfaction with the education benefits claims process.

- P** If you have returned the survey, thank you.
- P** If not, please take a few minutes now to complete and return the survey.
- P** If you have lost or misplaced the survey or if you have questions, please call the VA Project Coordinator at 1-800-659-5432.

Thank you.

Second Mailing Cover Letter

February 5, 2000

[name]
[address]
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Final Reminder Card

**The Department of Veterans Affairs
is waiting to hear from you!**

**Your opinion will help improve the benefit
services for veterans and other beneficiaries.**

If you have already completed and mailed your
survey, Thanks. If not, please do it TODAY!

If you have any questions about this survey, please call the
VA Project Coordinator at 1-800-772-9287.